## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Yasushi HIGUCHI et al.

Appln. No. 10/579772 Examiner Herbert J. Lilling

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Confirmation No. 5680 Customer No.: 42798

For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING OPTICALLY ACTIVE 2-ALKYLCYSTEINE,

DERIVATIVE THEREOF, AND PROCESSES FOR PRODUCTION

## AMENDMENT

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